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SUBJECT: FOREIGN GOLD COINS

1. SECTION 489 OF TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE, PROHIBITS THE IMPORTATION, MANUFACTURE OR POSSESSION OF ANY COIN OR OTHER DEVICE IN SIMILITUDE TO ANY OF THE COINS OF THE UNITED STATES, OR "...OF ANY FOREIGN COUNTRY ISSUED AS MONEY...UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF ANY FOREIGN GOVERNMENT..."

2. THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENTS OF JUSTICE AND TREASURY HAVE TAKEN THE POSITION THAT THE AFOREMENTIONED STATUTE IS NOT APPLICABLE TO COUNTERFEITS OR REPRODUCTIONS OF COINS THAT HAVE BEEN DEMONETIZED BY THE COUNTRY OF ISSUE. IF THE COIN IS NOT CONSIDERED "LEGAL TENDER" OR REDEEMABLE BY THE COUNTRY OF ISSUE, THE REPRODUCTION OR COUNTERFEITING OF THAT COIN WOULD NOT CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION OF 18 U.S.C. 489.

3. THE U.S. SECRET SERVICE IS SEEKING THE EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN THIS REGARD, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN COUNTERFEITS AND REPRODUCTION OF FOREIGN GOLD COINS. THE U.S. SECRET SERVICE WOULD APPRECIATE ADVICE  
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FROM THE EMBASSY AS TO WHETHER THE HOST GOVERNMENT HAS

ISSUED ANY GOLD COINS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN DEMONETIZED AND  
  
ARE CURRENTLY CONSIDERED "LEGAL TENDER" OR REDEEMABLE BY  
THE COUNTRY OF ISSUE. IF ANY SUCH ISSUES EXIST, THE U.S.  
SECRET SERVICE WOULD LIKE A DESCRIPTION OF THE COINS BY  
DENOMINATION AND DATE. INGERSOLL

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